California Statewide Fire Summary

September 18, 2022

As of this morning, there are 6,293 firefighters making progress on 10 major wildfires, and two extended attack wildfires in California. Yesterday, firefighters also responded to 20 new initial attack wildfires across the state.

Since the beginning of the year, 362,666 acres have burned in California. While firefighters continue battling the current major wildfires, CAL FIRE and fire departments across the state remain prepared for potential more significant wildfires.

In Northern California, strong southerly winds with wetting precipitation will spread across the western half of the region today and the remainder of the area tonight through Wednesday. A Pacific frontal system today through Monday with an upper low remaining over the area through Wednesday will bring a significantly cooler and wetter pattern to the area through midweek with snow possible above 8000 ft. Southerly winds will continue to strengthen across the area today with peak gusts 30-45 mph favoring coast locations, ridges and eastern areas. Sunday afternoon through Wednesday, Southern California will see south to west winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph across the mountain ridges and desert passes. Temperatures will remain 5 to 10 degrees below normal with 60s to low 70s across the mountains and mid-70s to mid-80s in the valleys. Minimum humidity will be mainly above 20% but most desert locations will have minimum humidity in the teens. A period of rain will move into the northern portion of the Central Coast starting Sunday morning. Scattered showers will move across Central California mainly from the Monterey/Fresno County line northward Monday night.

Did you know that 95% of all wildfires in California are started by human activity? This could be campfires, illegal burns, improperly maintained vehicles, and the worst cause, arson. A criminal act, arson is a malicious attempt to cause harm by setting a fire. If you have any information about an arson fire, you are encouraged to call the hotline at 1-800-468-4408. Callers will remain anonymous. To learn more, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org

Fires of Interest:

CAL FIRE Fires

Mountain, Siskiyou County (more info...)

Gazelle-Callahan Road x Gazelle Mountain Lookout Road

- *13,440 acres 90% contained
- *Evacuation orders and warnings remain in place within fire perimeter
- *Continued suppression repair
- *CAL FIRE IMT 5 (Hopkins) is in command
- *Fire is scheduled to transition back to the Unit at 0700

Unified Command Fires

Mosquito, Placer County (more info...)

Oxbow Reservoir, 3 miles east of Foresthill

- *74.748 acres. 34% contained
- *Continued threat to structures with multiple communities threatened
- *Threats exist to critical infrastructure, endangered species, watersheds, private timberlands, cultural and heritage resources
- *Evacuation orders and warnings remain in place
- *Damage inspection is ongoing
- *Infrastructure repair is underway
- *Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering observed
- *CAL FIRE ECC Support Team 5 assigned
- *CAIIMT Team 5 (Young) in command
- *Unified Command CAL FIRE and USFS

Fairview, Riverside County (more info...)

Fairview Ave x Bautista Rd, Bautista Canyon

- *28,307 acres, 98% contained
- *Suppression repair is ongoing
- *Continued patrol and mop-up
- *Unified Command CAL FIRE and USFS

Federal Incidents

2022 SRF Lightning Complex, Trinity County (more info...)

Willow Creek Area

*41,591 acres, 97% contained

Yeti, Siskiyou County (more info...)

Seiad south of HWY 96 and south of the Klamath River *7,886 acres, 98% contained

Red, Mariposa County** (more info...) FINAL

Between Red Creek and Illilouette Creek

*8,364 acres, 60% contained

Rodgers, Mariposa County** (more info...) FINAL

Northwest of Rodgers Canyon and southwest of Pleasant Valley *2,785 acres, 60% contained

Barnes, Modoc County (more info...)

Buck Creek Rd x Buck Creek Overlook Rd *5,843 acres, 96% contained

Radford, San Bernardino County (more info...)

2N10 x 2N06, Community of Big Bear

*1.079 acres. 92% contained

Summit, Tulare County (more info...)

*1,125 acres, 40% contained

Initial Attack Incidents

Dutch, Placer County (more info...)

I-80 x Ridge Rd, Dutch Flat

- *48 acres timber, 85% contained
- *Resources continue with suppression repair and mop-up operations

Garden, Placer County (more info...) NEW

Garden Bar Road x Big Hill Road, northwest of Auburn

- *29 acres, 75% contained
- *Forward progress stopped
- *Crews continue with mop-up

^{**} No further updates to this incident unless conditions warrant.